**More rail reservation counters in Delhi**

†1409. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people have to wait for long hours for reservation and tickets at each railway station of Delhi;

(b) whether a comprehensive scheme is being prepared by the railways to open more reservation counters to mitigate the said grievance; and

(c) if so, the details of locations in Delhi, besides the railway stations where reservation and ticket counters have been opened and are to be opened for passengers' convenience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) During the peak season such as Summer rush, Pooja rush and Christmas vacations, waiting time at all reservation offices including in Delhi area for purchasing the ticket is relatively more as compared to other periods of the year.

(b) and (c) Provision and expansion of reservation facilities is a continuous process. Additional counters at the existing reservation centres are provided to deal with the heavy demand during the peak seasons. Besides, new reservation centres are opened in the major cities to decongest the existing reservation centres.

In Delhi, besides railway stations, reservation centres have been provided in the city area at Parliament House, Karkarduma, Supreme Court, Press Club of India, Delhi Tourism Centre Cannaught Place, Noida and Indira Gandhi International Airport. Besides, reservation centres are also proposed to be provided in city area at Tughlakabad, Shakurbasti, Sena Bhawan and Gopinath Bazar.

**Collapse of Tundla locoshed**

†1410. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons burried under and injured, separately, in the incident of collapse of locoshed at Tundla station of Northern Railway;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered to ascertain the reasons for the incident and other related aspects;

(c) if so, what is the level of enquiry and the scope and powers of the enquiry officer; and

(d) at which level Government would take action against the culprits in the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) 25 persons were killed and 9 grievously injured in the incidents of collapse of old Loco shed building at Tundla Railway Station of Northern Railway.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The enquiry was conducted by a Committee consisting of four officers, one of the rank of Special Secretary and three of the rank of Addl. Secretary. The Committee was directed to enquiry into the entire incident and fix responsibility for the same.

(d) Officers upto the rank of Junior Administrative Grade have been taken up under the Disciplinary and Appeal Rule.

**Survey of Jajpur, Keonjhar road rail line**

1411. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the survey of new rail line extension of Jajpur, Keonjhar road, Dhamraport *via* Jajpur (Nabhigaya) and Aardi (Akhandalmani),

(b) if so, what would be the total estimate of the proposed rail line; and

(c) whether Government would take up this proposed project in 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No such survey has been conducted by the Railway.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.